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**ACTION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL
MAY 23, 2006**

OPENING CEREMONIES

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Mr. Guyton, Mr. Mauno, Mrs. McIntyre, Mr. Nowatka,
Mr. Scotto, Mrs. Witkowski, Mayor Walker

****ACTION:** Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. with all members present except Councilmember McIntyre and Councilmember Scotto.

2. FLAG SALUTE:

NON SECTARIAN INVOCATION:

The Courts have concluded that sectarian prayer as part of City Council meetings is not permitted under the Constitution.

****ACTION:** Flag salute led by Councilmember Mauno.
Invocation given by Councilmember Guyton.

**3. MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA.
MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING.**

****ACTION:** Accepted. (Mauno/Witkowski); (Absent McIntyre, Scotto)
Waived. (Mauno/Nowatka); (Absent McIntyre, Scotto)

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

****ACTION:** None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

****ACTION:** Councilmember Witkowski announced the City Yard Open House and Disaster Expo would be held Saturday, June 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 20500 Madrona Avenue and will include displays of city equipment, games, emergency preparedness information and a city employee car show.

****ACTION:** Mayor Walker asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Nancy Scotto, longtime resident of Torrance and mother of Councilman Frank Scotto, who passed away May 19, 2006.

****ACTION:** Councilmember Nowatka read a statement from Councilmember Scotto: Last Friday, my family experienced the death of my mother, Nancy. Because of that I was unable to attend the Armed Force day functions and I am unable to be with you tonight. I thank you for your understanding. The Scotto family would like to express our deep appreciation to all who have taken time to keep us in your thoughts and prayers. Your cards and calls in this difficult time are very much appreciated.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

A. Introduction of Torrance students traveling to Kashiwa as part of this year's Sister City Student Cultural Exchange Program.

****ACTION:** Torrance Sister City Association President Ray Roulette introduced students:

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Tracy Abe, Cara Ihde, Matthew Medlock, Shumoni Mehta, Danika Wood, Margaret Wong, Craig Yorizane, and Katie Yoshida and adult leader Pam Miike.

B. Recognition of the Torrance Panthers American Youth Football Staff.

****ACTION:** Mayor Walker presented certificates to the parent directors and coaches and recognized the team members.:

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7A through 7D and 7F through 7K on the Consent Calendar were considered routine and were enacted by one motion and one vote. There was no separate discussion of these items. (Mauno/Nowatka) (Absent McIntyre, Scotto) Items 7E and 7J were removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

A. Recommendation of the **Land Management Team** that City Council authorize the Assignment and Assumption of a lease from Charles Juran, Trustee of the Juran 1993 Family Trust (Assignor) to Robert Hollis (Assignee) for City-owned property located at 25200 – 25202 Crenshaw Boulevard in the City of Torrance.

****ACTION:** Authorized. (Mauno/Nowatka) (Absent McIntyre, Scotto)

B. Recommendation of the **Community Services Director** that City Council approve an agreement with Edward Solt, to provide Surf camps at Torrance Beach in an amount not to exceed \$21,700. The agreement is completely offset by participant fees.

****ACTION:** Approved. (Mauno/Nowatka) (Absent McIntyre, Scotto)

C. Recommendation of the **General Services Director** and **Community Services Director** that City Council authorize a contract renewal with Sea Clear Pools for the annual pool maintenance of the Benstead Plunge for \$33,971.25 for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

****ACTION:** Authorized. (Mauno/Nowatka) (Absent McIntyre, Scotto)

D. Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council authorize the direct sale of seven (7) surplus/obsolete vehicles as follows: four (4) "totaled" vehicles to Schimmick's Auto Dismantlers, Inc. for a total of \$4,900, and further authorize Ken Porter Auctions of Torrance, CA to facilitate the sale of an additional three (3) surplus/obsolete vehicles.

****ACTION:** Authorized. (Mauno/Nowatka) (Absent McIntyre, Scotto)

CONSIDERED SEPARATELY

E. Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council approve the option to renew the contract with Graffiti Protective Coatings, Inc. (C2005-102) for graffiti removal service in the City of Torrance for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 for \$220,000, with price adjustment not to exceed the Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers.

****ACTION:** Approved. (Witkowsky/Mauno) (Absent McIntyre, Scotto)

F. Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** that City Council authorize the execution of an amendment to agreement between the City of Torrance and Los Angeles Harbor College (C2005-215).

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****ACTION:** Authorized. (Mauno/Nowatka) (Absent McIntyre, Scotto)

- G. Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** that City Council authorize the execution of an agreement between the City of Hawthorne and the City of Torrance to operate a special project for Dislocated Workers.

****ACTION:** Authorized. (Mauno/Nowatka) (Absent McIntyre, Scotto)

- H. Recommendation of the **Chief of Police** that City Council approve an agreement with the County of Los Angeles, through the Director of Animal Care and Control, for after-hours animal control services for the period from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2007, in an amount not expected to exceed \$110,000.

****ACTION:** Approved. (Mauno/Nowatka) (Absent McIntyre, Scotto)

- I. Recommendation of the **Chief of Police, Fire Chief and Information Technology Director** that City Council authorize staff to purchase fifty-seven (57) Mobile Data Computers from Tribalco, LLC, Bethesda, MD in the amount of \$357,477.36.

****ACTION:** Authorized. (Mauno/Nowatka) (Absent McIntyre, Scotto)

CONSIDERED SEPARATELY

- J. Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** that City Council approve a change order to the purchase order with O.C. Tanner for an additional \$9,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$44,000 to purchase employee service awards during Fiscal Year 2005-2006.

****ACTION:** Approved. (Witkowski/Guyton) (Absent McIntyre, Scotto)

- K. Recommendation of the **Finance Director** that City Council approve the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 agreement with the City of San Gabriel for an exchange of \$690,000 in City of Torrance General Funds for \$1,000,000 respectively of Proposition A Local Return Funds from the City of San Gabriel.

****ACTION:** Approved. (Mauno/Nowatka) (Absent McIntyre, Scotto)

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- A. Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council adopt a **RESOLUTION** in support of AB 777 (Nunez), which aims to keep film production in California, and direct staff to forward a letter of support to the State Legislature.

****ACTION:** Concurred with staff recommendation. (Witkowski/Nowatka) (Absent McIntyre, Scotto)

****ACTION:** Adopted **RESOLUTION 2006-42**. (Nowatka/Guyton) (Absent McIntyre, Scotto)

AUTHORIZING SUPPORT OF AB777 (NUNEZ) WHICH WILL CREATE TAX CREDITS AND INCENTIVES TO KEEP FILM PRODUCTION COMPANIES IN CALIFORNIA

- B. Recommendation of the **Finance Director** that City Council:

- 1) Adopt a **RESOLUTION** initiating proceedings to levy assessments within the City of Torrance Lighting District No. 99-1 for Fiscal Year 2006-2007;
- 2) Adopt a **RESOLUTION** approving the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Engineer's Report for the City of Torrance Lighting District No. 99-1; and
- 3) Adopt a **RESOLUTION** of Intention to levy assessments within the City of Torrance Lighting District No. 99-1 for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

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****ACTION:** Concurred with staff recommendation. (Witkowski/Nowatka)
(Absent McIntyre, Scotto)

****ACTION:** Adopted **RESOLUTION 2006-43.** (Nowatka/Witkowski) (Absent McIntyre, Scotto)

INITIATING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE LIGHTING DISTRICT 99-1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PART 2 OF DIVISION 15 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE AND AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE XIIID OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

****ACTION:** Adopted **RESOLUTION 2006-44.** (Nowatka/Guyton) (Absent McIntyre, Scotto)

APPROVING THE REPORT OF THE ENGINEER IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE LIGHTING DISTRICT 99-1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PART 2 OF DIVISION 15 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE AND AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE XIIID OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

****ACTION:** Adopted **RESOLUTION 2006-45.** (Nowatka/Guyton) (Absent McIntyre, Scotto)

DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 99-1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PART 2 OF DIVISION 15 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE AND AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE XIIID OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION, APPOINT A TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (JUNE 20, 2006)

****ACTION:** Redevelopment agency called to order at 7:40 p.m. with all members present except Member McIntyre and Member Scotto.

12. HEARINGS

A. Recommendation of the **Finance Director** that City Council open the second public hearing on the City of Torrance proposed budget revisions for the 2nd year of the City's two-year 2005-2007 Operating Budget and adopt the appropriations **RESOLUTION** for Fiscal Year 2006-2007. (Companion to Redevelopment Agency item 4A)

****ACTION:** Public hearing opened at 7:41 p.m.; 3 speakers from the audience were heard; Public hearing closed at 8:22 p.m. (Witkowski/Guyton) (Absent McIntyre, Scotto)

****ACTION:** Concurred with proposed budget revisions and usage of year end carryover as presented with amendments to include upgrade of a Police Officer position to Sergeant in Vice and Narcotics, installation of 480 handicapped accessible sidewalks, installation of sidewalk at South High School, and upgrade one part-time Recreation Specialist II to a full time Program Coordinator. (Nowatka/Witkowski) (Absent McIntyre, Scotto)

****ACTION:** Adopted **RESOLUTION 2006-46.** (Witkowski/Nowatka) (Absent McIntyre, Scotto)

ADOPTING REVISIONS TO THE SECOND YEAR OF THE TWO YEAR OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL BUDGET PLAN; AND ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2006-2007 FISCAL YEAR

****ACTION:** *Redevelopment Agency convened from 7:40 p.m. to 8:37 p.m.*

4A. Recommendation of Redevelopment Agency Deputy Executive Director that the Redevelopment Agency open the second public hearing on the City of Torrance proposed budget revisions for the 2nd year of the City's two-year 2005-2007 Operating Budget and adopt the appropriation **RESOLUTION** for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

****RDA ACTION:** Adopted **RESOLUTION NO. RA2006-03.** (Witkowski/Nowatka)

ADOPTING REVISIONS TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET AND PROJECT BUDGET; AND ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2006-2007 FISCAL YEAR

16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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- **ACTION:** City Manager Jackson commended the department heads, finance department, and Assistant City Manager Giordano on assembling the budget and bringing the item before council.
- **ACTION:** City Clerk Herbers announced early TouchScreen Voting begins May 24 through June 2 at two local locations – Redondo Beach Library and Carson Library. These locations will also be open through Memorial Day weekend. Information at www.LAVote.net or at City Clerk website
- City Clerk Herbers announced that the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder is seeking pollworkers for the June 6 election. Information could be found at 1.800.815.2666 Option 7. Training is provided with payment of \$25 to attend the training.
- **ACTION:** City Clerk Herbers invited staff and public to view the photographs of Torrance Artist Guild member Ira Yawnick on display in the City Clerk's office for the month of May.
- **ACTION:** City Council recessed from 8:41 p.m. to 8:50 p.m.
- **ACTION:** Councilmember Guyton commended the city staff, the Torrance Police Department and volunteers for their work on the Armed Forces Day Parade.
- **ACTION:** Councilmember Guyton asked that Councilman Scotto's family be kept in everyone's prayers.
- **ACTION:** Councilmember Mauno commented that planning for the Armed Forces Day parade had started in October 2005. He complimented staff, noted that the armed forces were inspired and stated that the Air Force would be the honored service next year.
- **ACTION:** Councilmember Nowatka stated that Cindy Scotto's mother had also gone into surgery on last Thursday, the day before Councilman Scotto's mother passed away.
- **ACTION:** Councilmember Nowatka echoed comments on the success of the Armed Forces Day parade.
- **ACTION:** Councilmember Witkowsky also offered her condolences to the Scotto family.
- **ACTION:** Councilmember Witkowsky commended the efforts of members of the community who tied 132 yellow ribbons on Torrance Boulevard prior to the parade.
- **ACTION:** Councilmember Witkowsky asked for City Council concurrence that earthquake preparation and security in the main library as well as the branch libraries be a priority.
- **ACTION:** City Manager Jackson stated that funding would be examined and an item would be brought back to the Council.
- **ACTION:** Councilmember Witkowsky commented that residents need to be better informed on the location of city disaster centers and recommended that residents attend the Disaster Fair on Saturday, June 3, 2006 at the City Yard.
- **ACTION:** Mayor Walker expressed sorrow for the Scotto family
- **ACTION:** Linda Gottshall Sayed expressed her concern about a mailing she received from Mayor Walker regarding Councilman Scotto.
- **ACTION:** Pat Furey, President Northwest Torrance Homeowner's Association, stated they were the sponsors of a Candidate's Forum, Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at North High School Library.
- **ACTION:** Joan Waddell, South Bay Smoke Free Beaches Coalition, presented a certificate of recognition to the City Council for adopting the no smoking ordinance for Torrance

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- **ACTION:** Ben Goldman, resident Knoll's Lodge, expressed concerns regarding rent increases at Knolls Lodge.
- **ACTION:** Leo Lewis, resident Knoll's Lodge, expressed condolences to Councilmember Scotto and family
- **ACTION:** Leo Lewis, resident, expressed concerns regarding the management at Knolls Lodge.
- **ACTION:** Sami Yakovetic, resident Lincoln Center Mobile Home Park, Cypress, California, also asked for City Council help for the residents of Knoll's Lodge and Knoll's Manor.
- **ACTION:** Debbie Vicars, President Homeowners Association Knoll's Lodge and Knoll's Manor, commented that though response has been slow at times and matters not explained as well as residents might like, management has been responsive and have made attempts to respond to issues brought to their attention.
- **ACTION:** Anna Nichols, resident of Knoll's Lodge, stated that because of continued raising of rent it has become impossible for seniors to keep up with maintenance and upkeep of properties.
- **ACTION:** Miranda Pisch, resident of Knoll's Lodge, stated that must work longer to keep up with rent increases, and has no place to go.
- **ACTION:** Janet Waters read from letters written in 1998 and 1999 regarding the raising of rents on the senior residents of Knoll's Lodge who live on fixed incomes.
- **ACTION:** Glen Bell, President of Neighborhood Friends Association, a statewide group of mobile home owners, expressed concern on the situation at Knoll's Lodge and indicated that it was a statewide issue.
- **ACTION:** Karen Sidler, Knoll's Lodge, spoke of the 19% vacancy rate at the Knoll's Manor and Knoll's Lodge.
- **ACTION:** Mayor Walker commented that the comments were refreshing and that the factual information presented would be helpful. He stated that since the 1960s Torrance, as a city, has not accepted the concept of rent control as a solution.
- **ACTION:** Mayor Walker stated that he would be examining his files for contributions and of any received from Kort and Scott, a like amount would be donated to charity.
- **ACTION:** Mayor Walker also stated that the City will be having conversations with Kort and Scott regarding some of the issues that the residents have raised.
- **ACTION:** Councilman Mauno expressed his commitment to help residents with the state legislature and, as a Board Member, will bring resident's issues to the attention of the Independent Cities Association.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council Closed Session - None

Redevelopment Agency Closed Session – None

18. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adjourn the City Council and Redevelopment Agency to Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. **Tuesday, May 30 and Tuesday, June 6 will be Council dark nights.**

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****ACTION:** At 9:42 p.m. City Council and Redevelopment Agency adjourned to Tuesday, June 13, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
Tuesday, May 30 and Tuesday, June 6 will be Council dark nights.
(Witkowski/Mauno) (Absent McIntyre, Scotto)

Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”

Anne Frank

City Hall will be closed:

Friday, May 26, **Memorial Day**, Monday, May 29, and Friday, June 9